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FLOATING LOWERING AND LIFTING DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.